# INTERVIEW SUMMARY Task 1, Site 2 Lower Darby Creek Area Site

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Name:

Joanna Michl (AKA Michael) (WITNESS)



Affiliation:

Producer of "Toxic Waters" Documentary

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Type of Interview: Date of Interview:

August 7, 2004

On August 7, 2004, the WITNESS was interviewed by telephone by Nonethern State Control of Tri-State Enterprise. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Task 1, Site 2 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area, Delaware County, PA (the "Site"). This interview focused on the Clearview Landfill (Clearview). The WITNESS was advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS stated that she is not represented by an attorney in this matter and did not want an attorney. No other persons were present and this interview was not tape-recorded.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for former employees.

The WITNESS stated that she and Eric Thomas owned and operated a film production company known as Michael Thomas Productions (MTP). The WITNESS stated that in May 2000, MTP produced a video documentary about the negative impact the Clearview Landfill had on the local community. The WITNESS stated that MTP interviewed numerous state and local authorities, as well as numerous residents living in the area of the Clearview Landfill.

The WITNESS stated that the Clearview Landfill is also known as Heller's Dump. The WITNESS stated that the interviews she and Eric Thomas conducted were focused on health problems experienced by members of the local community. She indicated that all of the factual or background information about the operation of the Clearview Landfill was obtained from file archives at the Delaware County Times newspaper. The WITNESS provided the interviewer with internet links to these archive files.

The WITNESS stated that MTP obtained general information about the types of waste disposed of at Clearview. She explained that she had been told of liquid waste being disposed of at Clearview; however, she was never told the names of any generators or transporters other than Richie Heller and CityWide Services. The WITNESS stated that she had been told by local area residents of observing paint on the Clearview Landfill, yet she was never told the name of the generator of the paint.

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The WITNESS stated that she cannot recall the names of any transporters other than the following:

- City of Philadelphia
- CityWide Services

The WITNESS stated that she did sneak onto the Clearview Landfill and filmed some of the waste on the Landfill. The WITNESS provided the interviewer with three (3) sets of four (4) photographs in each set. The WITNESS stated that she took these photographs and they show waste debris on the Clearview Landfill. These photographs are attached to this interview summary.

When asked the names of any individuals that may know of information relating to generators or transporters that disposed of waste at the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following:

- Rhonda Hill Wilson
- Tyrone Fitzgerald.

The WITNESS stated that Mr. Fitzgerald was a firefighter at a local volunteer fire company and may have relevant knowledge of the names of generators and transporters.

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"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

### Interviewer's Comments and Suggested Follow-up Interviews

<u>Interviewer Comments:</u> The WITNESS was cooperative however she did not have relevant knowledge. She did not know the names of the generators of waste that disposed the waste at the Landfill.

Attached to this interview summary are three (3) sets of four (4) photographs each of the Clearview Landfill debris. These photographs were taken in the spring of 2000 by the WITNESS. I prepared this interview summary in order to document the source of the attached photographs.

When asked if she wanted her name kept confidential to the extent possible, the WITNESS stated that she did not care.

There is no map attached to this interview summary.

#### Suggested follow-up Interviews:

- Tyrone Fitzgerald
- Rhonda Hill Wilson